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The High Priest of Protection building the pedestal for his own statue.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH is, nominally and naturally, the beginning of the political year. As a matter of fact, the political year is much like the school and collegiate years, which begin—to the untutored apprehension of the public, at the end of the Summer, and end with "Commencement" at the end of the Spring. So it happens that the Congress which comes to an end to-day dies betwixt hay and grass, so to speak. If the expression of the people's wish should count for anything, it ought to have died last November. It might have died with comparative decency early in December. It dies now, and its successor enjoys an unearned vacation—extraordinary contingencies excepted—until a year shall have passed from the time when it was called into existence. When such anomalies occur in the governmental arrangements of the effete nations of Europe, we always find them highly amusing.

But let us not sound even the slightest note of complaint. A stranger once entered a New England town—so runs a very old story—and, noticing an unusual bustle and animation in the streets, inquired the cause. An affable native promptly replied to his query:

"Deacon Pogram 's dead."

"Ah, indeed!" said the stranger. "And what was the complaint?"

"There ain't no complaint, stranger," replied the affable native. "Everybody 's satisfied."

Let that be the epitaph of the Fifty-First Congress. For the first time it has done something with which everybody is wholly and entirely satisfied. It has died. And we will not let our joy be chilled even by the reflection that this one thing it did because it could n't help itself.

The Fifty-First Congress—or, at least, the majority that controlled its acts and determined its character—leaves behind it a record of perversity, obstinacy, arrogance, fatuity, narrowness, brutality, partisan spitefulness and general ignorance, worthlessness and cussedness which, up to the present date, has scarcely a parallel. It first took its stand before the country by passing, in the face of determined and forcibly expressed protest, an economic measure which it knew the people could not but receive with doubt and suspicion. When the event proved that the people went further and received it with utter disapproval and disgust, this remarkable legislative body, instead of taking the hint, devoted all its energies to trying to foist two or three other unpopular bills upon the people—or, as we might, perhaps, more accurately put it, Congress tried to see how near it could come to passing those bills without bringing a second popular cyclone about its ears.

This looks like rank foolishness—it was something a little more complex. It was the selfish recklessness of a pirate crew shut up in the hold, with the hatches battened down and the captor in full possession of the gun-deck. Under such circumstances, the piratical gentry have been known to fill their own pockets and then set fire to the powder magazine. These two performances do not seem to "gee," as parts of a well-ordered plan; but their combination is eminently significant of the pirates' state of mind. This analogy enables us to form some conception of the mental processes of the men who thought they could best hold their waning power by defying the people to take it from them.

We can thus see why Mr. Lodge and Mr. Hoar wanted to put the Force Bill through by the power of the party whip. True, the West did not care for it, the Middle States disliked it; and it would have been the death-knell of Republicanism in the South. But it was a popular measure in certain portions of New England, where the idea still lingers that on election day in Louisiana and Georgia the negroes are shot down in blocks of five hundred and stacked up like cordwood for miles along the roadside. So Mr. Lodge pushed his bill—and found his own personal reward. He will have an opportunity, next December, of studying the finest Democratic majority ever accumulated in the Halls of Congress—and he need not absent himself from his desk to break up a quorum. The quorum will be there whether he is there or far away.

Thus, also, is made clear to us the reason for being of all the countless pieces of special legislation which have gone through this Congress without deliberation or consideration. Every one of them represents a bid for the favor, influence or financial assistance of some person or persons, some corporation or confederation, some class or some section. Not one in a hundred has the faintest color of public necessity or propriety about it. Each one of them is the effort of an individual Republican to save his individual skin. A conviction has come over all these associated patriots that the best way to save the party is for every man in it to save himself, and let the devil take the hindmost. Of course, if every member is saved, the party is saved. It is a very good scheme—but only, as the popular song guardedly adds, "if it works."

But what can a party do that has no policy and no principles; but only a great hunger and thirst for the flesh pots in which it has wallowed for well-nigh a third of a century? What is left for it but that each man shall grab his own flesh pot and hold to it as best he may, keeping it by force or fraud, by bullying or by chicanery—keeping it, no matter at what cost, moral or material? And so we have the Republican party resolved into integers, each one fighting for existence like the early protoplasmic individualities of Mr. Darwin's theory. All of them are hard at work, from Mr. Blaine, with his pretty little trick of "reciprocity," stolen from the Democratic repertory, to Mr. Conger, doing the will of the Chicago lard-manufacturers in backing a bill by the side of which certain ingredients of their products are clean, pure, unadulterated, honest, wholesome and sweet-smelling.

The Democratic majority that will make the next Congress for good or evil, may well take a lesson from the fate of Speaker Reed's Hessians. The Democrats have a policy, with principles behind it. Both policy and principles are sound and good. And, what is not always the case with political ideas that are sound and good, both policy and principles are popular. The party has only to stick to the issues upon which it won its last fight; to keep its pledges to the people, and to refrain from running after strange gods—and its future is safe. If it wants to see what comes of bidding for the support of a class or a section, at the expense of the general good of the people, let it look at the post-office addresses of the majority of what was a Republican majority only yesterday; and remember humbly that those who made them can unmake.

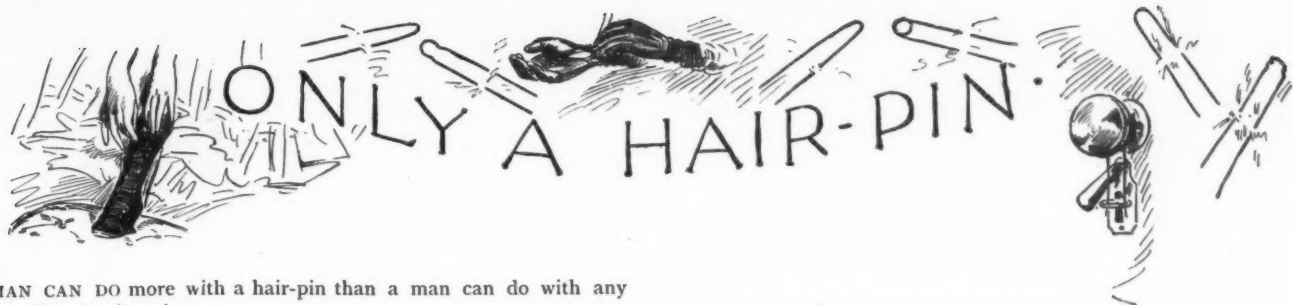
There is plenty of time to learn this lesson during the quiet, restful Summer months. Let it be learned. The Republican party has no positive hope of resurrection. It has one negative hope—and it is no small hope, either. That hope is that the Democrats will make fools of themselves in the very hour of victory—as is their wont. Now is the chance for the Democrats to show that they can refrain from the luxury of effervescent headiness—even if they have to kill off every man in the party who is over seventy years of age and who thinks that he knows it all.



A DISTANT ACQUAINTANCE.

"Say, dear boy, this is the entr'acte, and you are in the foyer. You don't need your opera-glasses now."

"Yes, I do, old man; I want to see if I know who the owner of this train is."



A WOMAN CAN DO more with a hair-pin than a man can do with any one instrument in existence.

She takes it to button her shoes, to crimp her hair, to fasten her hat on, and (beg pardon) to scratch her head.

To button her gloves and the waist buttons of her dress, to pin her veil, to manicure her nails; and, alas! sometimes to pick her teeth.

To clean her comb, and to cut the pasted label on her powder box. And she can use it as a paper-knife, or a book-mark; to open a letter, or to draw a device upon a seal.

If she twists the ends, it becomes a tape-needle, or a safety pin, or a key-ring. It is a very decent bodkin. In an emergency, it is as good as an ordinary pin; better, in fact, for it can be made to do double duty.

It supplies many of the missing intricacies of buckles, suspenders and supporters; and repairs any damaged domestic article requiring a few inches of wire and a little feminine ingenuity.

A woman traces a pattern with a hair-pin dipped in her shoe-blackening; and, smoked in the gas, she uses it to pencil her eye-brows.

If no one is looking, she will use it for a nut-pick; and if her husband is not at home, she will take it to clean his pipe or cigarette-holder.

And if he *is* at home, and after he has broken his pocket-knife and hunted helplessly all over the house for a "piece of wire," she will draw her hair-pin with a pitying look, and clear out the gas-burner, or re-open the waste-pipe of the stationary bowl.

How often is the hair-pin the hidden power that holds back the lace window-curtain, or poises the Autumn leaf-wreath on the edge of the picture frame.

How often does it replace the lost furniture-pin in the valence or lambrequin.

A long, stout hair-pin placed over the stem of the door-knob, with the prongs through the handle of the key, will make a timid woman feel secure against that "ever-expected burglar."

A woman can use a hair-pin as a cork-screw for any kind of bottle she cares to open.

Ever ready to her hand, whether she uses it to pick her trunk lock, or to trim a lamp wick, to mend her bracelet or her bustle, she handles it with a dextrous grace and a confident skill that are born of inherited knowledge and educated by long-practiced use.

A poet wrote that he would be a rose
To lie and die upon his lady's breast;
Another would the zephyr be that blows
Warm kisses to his love when she's at rest.

And one would be a glove upon her hand;
And one would be a moonbeam, pale and still,
To visit her at most improper hours,
And leave

A cool kiss on his mistress' window-sill,
Or weave
For her bright dreams of him
And some far star-lit land.

But I would be a hair-pin in *my* lady's hair,
Or in her deft hand's soft and close embrace
I'd work her sweet will's every whim

Nor care
To what base use she put me,
Nor what place
I had among her dear lock's wealth,
So I were there.

No secrets would I tell of scratch, or switch,
Or frizz, or bang, or thin spot coming on;
No one should know which tresses grew, or which
Of these same tresses I had helped to don.

The rose must die; the zephyr change;

The glove,
Grown old and worn and torn,
Be cast aside;

The moonbeam in his visits to his love
Must take his tip from his Mama, Dame Nature,
And thereby abide.

But I'd be ever with my love

By night and day,
Nor would I die, or change, or rust,
Or slip away.

She could not "be a sister to me," so
Until the end

I'd rest content—"Only a hair-pin," but
Her faithful friend.

Mrs. Orel D. Orvis.

A FASHIONABLE CUSTOM.

"I'm going south for the Winter," said the Harlem man, as he moved from his 145th Street home to Brooklyn.

"AN EYE FOR AN EYE" may be strict justice; but it would look rather queer if a mob of capitalists were to sally out to smash the windows of strikers.

A TIE GAME—Cat's Cradle.

THE CONFIRMED GRUMBLER is a man whose like is seldom seen.

A SELF-FEEDER—Vanity.

MR. FRESH, '94.—Professor, now how would you classify the language spoken by the guards on the Elevated Trains?

PROFESSOR LANGUE.—As verbal hieroglyphics.

A SHORT TIME—The Last of the Month.

A DAY-LABORER—The Sun.

IT ALWAYS ANNOYS a man to find a new acquaintance as vain as he is himself.



A PURELY BUSINESS MOTIVE.

MR. LOZIER HOPE.—May I—may I—speak to your father, Miss Cole?

MISS VERA COLE.—It is useless, Mr. Hope—I can never be your wife.

MR. LOZIER HOPE.—Excuse me, I wished to speak to him about that fifteen dollars he borrowed of me week before last. I'm getting a little nervous about it.

PLENTY OF TIME.

"Ingalls will now have time to study the Decalogue."

"Yes; and to write an essay on the Apocalypse."

THE OFFICE that seeks the man is likely to find him in a good many saloons about election time.

A BEAR-TRAP—Rising Stocks.

HOPE OFTEN disappoints us; but this is natural, as the poets describe her as a fair woman.

NEVER APART—The Whole.

IN OLD TIMES a strong arm was necessary to the dictator; but just now he finds short-hand far more important.

DUCKS AND RAKES—The Dredger.

A PUT-UP JOB—Supporting a Family.

MAN TO MAN—"What 'll you take?"

BEWARE OF SHOWS. The temper which is "displayed" is never a good one.

TIDDLEDY WINKS.



AY, BLAINE, whatever do you mean
When you wink the other eye?
Say, don't you think we're awful green
When you wink the other eye?
You talked about the tariff, and you told us
it would bring
Health and wealth and happiness; we thought
it quite the thing.
But when you got us on the string,
Then you winked the other eye.

Say, Blaine, whatever can it be,
When you wink the other eye?
You gave us reciprocity,
Then you winked the other eye.
We took our little ballots, and how gayly did
we speed!
Oh, what's become of Ingalls, Quay, and
little Tommy Reed?

Oh, Jeems, we're on to you, indeed,
When you wink the other eye.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION.

"Is that really the President over there? I did n't suppose he was actually as small as that!"

"Oh, yes — in fact, he is a great deal smaller!"

A GOOD MOTTO for the poaching sealers would be: "Come early and avoid the 'Rush.'"

"BY APPEARANCE," growled Hardup,
"You never should judge."
"You say that 'cause you're seedy,"
Said his friend, with a nudge.



CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

BOB TAYLOR. — Deal away; but you know I never play for money.

JACK POTTER. — I do; but I notice the other fellow usually gets it.

BOB TAYLOR. — Oh, very well. I don't care if I do try my luck just this once.



A DIVISION OF LABOR.

YOUTHFUL CRITIC (*suggestively*). — Sa-oy, I sh'd t'ink youse fellies 'u'd orter trade jobs; dat's not a square deal!

DID HE REMEMBER?

"CHARLIE, DEAR," said young Mrs. Jardean to her husband the other morning, as he was hurrying into his overcoat, and hastily drawing on his gloves, "would you mind stopping into Wool and Satten's, and asking them to give you a few samples of their Fall dress goods?"

"Oh, no, not at all," replied Charlie, obligingly. "What kind of samples?"

"Well, I don't want anything *very* dark; and yet not *too* light. I don't want brown, for my Summer dress was brown; and I don't believe I want any shade of blue, for I've worn blue so much. You might get some plaid samples; but I don't want any of those blue and green plaids, nor anything with much red in it, nor *too* loud a plaid. Something in brown and white and gray, with just a dash of some brighter color might do, or — oh, *don't* get anything in black and white, and don't get a check of *any* kind. You might get samples of India twill or silk warp Henrietta, in light and dark shades of green, not *too* light nor *too* dark — just medium; or, if you see anything pretty in momie cloth or serge or a real soft cashmere or vieux rose cloth or peau de soie in stylish shades you might get samples; but I'd prefer something in camel's hair, or — you don't suppose I could afford one of those Muscovite silks, do you, dear? You get samples of it, any how. I'd thought of something in light cloth and drap de soie; and you might ask for samples of each in — going, dear? Well, please *don't* forget the — he's gone, and I'll wager anything he'll come home without half those samples. Men never can remember anything!"



Z. D.

AT THE BERNHARDT MATINÉE.

"Where do the asps come from, any how?"

"I don't know. Is n't there a place called Aspasia?"

FAREWELL TO THE OLD FATHERS.

Keep away, Saint Chrysostom,
Though you've got a mouth of gold;
In the West the silver voice
A majority will hold!

NOT IN IT.

GUSSIE GOOD. — What did you give up in Lent?

TURNER VAN NEWLEAF. — I gave up trying to keep the good resolutions I made at the beginning of the year.

THE LAY OF THE LOCAL LYRE.



CHANCED UPON A poem in the local press of late
Which impressed me as the product of a bard obscurely
great.
The sententious strength of Shakspeare, Milton's majesty
it wore;
Boldly beautiful as Byron, and as musical as Moore;
Its opulence of noble thought, and rhythmic wisdom
sage,

Struck me like a revelation in this unpoetic age,
And I felt the glorious rapture of a student of the sky
When an undiscovered planet beams on his exploring eye!

But my lofty hopes were shattered by an unexpected stroke,
And a bitter disenchantment o'er my sweet delusion broke;
For, precipitated rudely from Parnassus's heavenly mount,
Where my soul had bathed serenely in the Heliconian fount,
I discovered that a bogus bard, with meretricious lyre,
Had ingeniously ensnared me in his web of warbling wire,
And decoyed me up the Olympian heights to bellow in my ear:
"Use McClusky's Persian Plasters and your corns will disappear!"

John Ludlow.

COURAGE.

WHAT is true courage? People don't half know.

Two men facing each other with six-shooters, calmly and steadily awaiting the signal to fire. Is that courage? Some think it is; but I do not. I would not do it.

An orator standing alone before a surging multitude, fearlessly uttering words which may goad them to fury—such words as "pants," for instance. That is courage; but how many think it?

But fighting men and orators in the matter of courage are not the peers of gentle woman.

Harry Earnlitt was engaged to marry a sweet girl who loved him for himself alone. She had one peculiarity among others, and this was a horrible superstition regarding the number thirteen. She would never sit down to a dinner table where covers were laid for thirteen. She would never sit down to a multiplication table that had "thirteen times" in it. She was just as superstitious as that. She was twenty-five years old and had for years refused to be twenty-six; because twenty-six is twice thirteen.

One day Harry, who well knew of this peculiarity in his betrothed, came to her with dismay and hope struggling in his countenance.

"O Gertrude! Gertie! O my Trudy!" he exclaimed. "Is your horror of the number thirteen as strong as ever? Speak, darling! Is it? Is it?"

"What has happened, Harry? Tell me!" she cried, her face blanching slightly as something within warned her not to answer the question.

"My uncle has just died," said Harry, "and—and left me thirteen million dollars, and"—here hope struggled with dismay again—"and I didn't know, but perhaps you would want to break off the engagement."

She smiled like a June morning.

"Harry," she said; "my own Harry. When *your* happiness is at stake I can not falter;" and as she took him in her arms hope ceased to struggle with dismay forever more.

That is where self-abnegating courage showed up strongly in a lady.

But the quality even exists in children.

"Willie!" said I to my little boy. "If you tear that book I shall whip you." The little fellow gazed at me with a quiet smile, opened the book and tore out pages 6 to 11, inclusive. And Willie is but three years old.

Courage! The yellow dog possesses it. The unthinker might say that the appearance of the yellow dog does not denote courage; but it does. It takes genuine courage for a yellow dog to make his appearance.

Courage among the lowliest of the lowly! Even the worm will turn, will he not, some time? I do not know that he ever has yet.

Courage! It exists even in inanimate objects. The gentle flowers will shoot if told to go to pot; and there is plenty of grit in common brown sugar.

Morris Waite.



BEFORE TROY.

GRECIAN SOLDIER.—Achilles has left us. We have lost our bravest man.

THERSITES.—Humph! Any man can be plucky who is wound-proof!

A JOURNALISTIC BOOMERANG.

"The polls are now open in this office for a citizens' vote to determine who is the biggest liar in this town. No public-spirited citizen will neglect the duty to vote."—*Arizona Bluffsheets*.

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A VICTIM OF FATE.

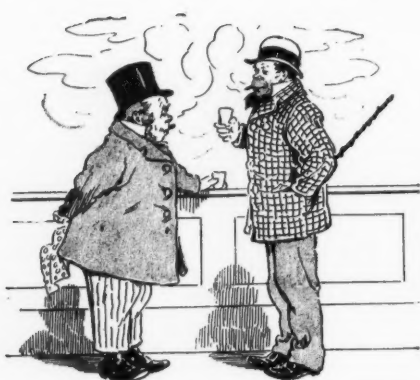
YOUNG LADY.—I suppose you are very busy at your office, Mr. Blotter.

MR. BLOTTER.—Yes, the cares and responsibilities of a mercantile career are many; yet we have moments of leisure. If you will come down with your mother some morning, I shall be happy to show you over our building.

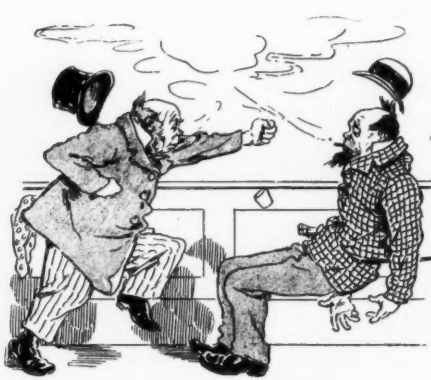


(Unfortunately they chose a morning when, the porter being ill, Mr. Blotter's employer had delegated him to perform the above somewhat humble duty.)

REFRESHING THEIR MEMORIES.



DOOLY.—Do you remember the good toime we had, Patsy, at dthe Inniskillin Fair in 'forty-noine?
HOGAN.— Oi can't call it to moind, this minute.
DOOLY.— Don't ye ricollect whin ye whinked at Katie O'Hara, an' Oi hauled off an t'umped ye wan—



— loike that?



HOGAN.— Be hivins, Oi remember it well now!
An' do ye 'call the fact that Oi come back at ye—

DIFFERENT.

TURNER VAN NEWLEAF.— I quit drinking about a week ago.

VON BIBBER.— I thought you swore off the first of January.

TURNER VAN NEWLEAF.— So I did; but this time I've quit.

THE MINISTERING ANGEL.

TOM.— Now, that you are married, old fellow, I suppose you are finding out how pleasant it is to have some one sympathize with you when you are sick or out of sorts.

JACK.— Oh, yes; especially when one is out of sorts on account of staying out late the previous evening.

A SURE TEST.

"What makes you think Miss Downes really loves you?"

"Because she has repeatedly advised me not to lend any money to her brother."

A STORY OF PREJUDICE.

Once there was a man.
One day he was mortally shot by a negro.
The man was Irish, and the episode vexed him exceedingly.

His last words were: "This is the darkey's day of my existence." And immediately after: "I die a niggerminious death."



WATCH THE ENGINE-LIGHTS.

STATION-MAN (*vociferously*).— Yeh-rrrh Av-oo train!

PASSENGER.— Is this the Second or the Third Avenue?

STATION-MAN (*savagely*).— Don't you understand English? Yeh-rrrh Av-oo train! All aboard.

DEVELOPING A NEGATIVE.

PREPOSSESSING FEMALE (*to PHOTOGRAPHER*).— What will you take me for?

PHOTOGRAPHER (*gallantly*).— For better or worse.

PREPOSSESSING FEMALE (*smiling*).— I guess you'll have to content yourself with a negative.

IT'S ALL RIGHT IF HE SENT STAMPS.

HUMORIST.— I've been looking for the article I wrote the other day on Harlem Goats. I wanted *The Agriculturists' Almanac* to have that, and I believe I sent it off to PUCK.

HUMORIST'S WIFE.— Well, you'll have to wait now, dear, till it comes back.



— loike this?—



— and that?



DOOLY.— Oi do! An' it's meself that wishes thim happy days would come ag'in.

INCONSISTENCY.

POET.— You said the other day in your paper that poverty is not a crime.

EDITOR.— Well?

POET.— And yet you decline my verses simply because you say they are poor.

COULD N'T HAVE MADE ONE.

HOFFMAN HOWES.— I may wemind you, sir, that my ancestaws left me an honored name.

TOM KNOX.— And a very thoughtful act it was in them, to be sure.

NOT THAT KIND.

ATHLETE.— I tell you it pays to advertise; I wanted a little training-down recently, and inserted an ad. for a coach.

DIGGS.— Did you get one?

ATHLETE.— No; but I got forty-nine hackmen!

ENFORCED ABSTINENCY.

"Do you play the banjo?"

"Not when there are any people around."

"Why not?"

"They won't let me."

A COMPREHENSIVE TERM.

SMALL BOY.— What is an egotist?

BIG MAN.— One who talks about himself while you are aching to talk about yourself.

MITIGATED GRIEF.

ROUNDS.— I've seen people laugh till they cried; but I never knew of a fellow crying till he laughed.

NEPHEWS.— Guess you never lost a rich uncle!

HER WAY.

In Summer when the evening zephyr
Just lightly stirs the trees,
Priscilla covers up her shoulders,
And shivers from the breeze.

In Winter when the chilling weather
Appals the stoutest man,
Priscilla bares her lovely shoulders,
Cooling them with a fan.

THE WORSE FOR WARE — Breakage.

MORE MEN have been self-undone than have been self-made.





FORCE OF HABIT.

MRS. LAYTIN (*waiting up for her husband*).—What is the matter, Molly?

MOLLY (*from the kitchen*).—Och, Mum, there be thieves at the dure!

MRS. LAYTIN.—Well, tell them I am not at home.

BREAKING OFF CIGARETTES.

I PRESUME AND I trust that there is no one having a more terrible experience with cigarettes than myself. I began to smoke them years ago, and they were the bane of my existence. It has seemed to me that if I could show young men an unfailingly successful way of leaving them off, it would be a duty well done. And I believe I am an authority in the matter; for, as I say, I smoked cigarettes for years, and I am smoking them yet.



If a man would but consider the ills he is bringing upon himself. After smoking cigarettes for a time, he finds himself losing his light, elastic step; his eye-sight grows poor; his memory defective. The effects, indeed, are about the same as those of the vicious habit of growing old. And then the extravagance of the habit. Since I began to smoke I have worn over forty suits of clothes.

How sad I used to feel when smoking cigarettes, in the knowledge that I was inviting disease; and yet it was hard to eschew the unwholesome weed, because it seemed to make me so healthy. Ah! there lies the fatal charm of the constitution-wrecking cigarette—in its excellent effect upon the health. So at least I found it. I grew healthier and healthier, and it became more difficult to break away from the habit which was destroying me in both body and mind.

Were any of my readers ever beguiled by the voice of a syren? There is no music more likely to receive an encore. The syren of good health sang to me: my cheeks became rosy, my spirits light, my appetite unswerving; and so I smoked, for there was no sober Mentor at hand to point out these signs of chronic invalidism.

But while I was thus selfishly thinking of my own welfare, I forgot the comfort of those near me who, when I puffed the nauseous smoke, fled blocks away.

Cigarettes are a deadly curse to those only who do not smoke them; and it is the ardent wish of the non-smoker raised into a glorious faith which attributes to the cigarette effects fatal to the smoker. But, alas, all that we wish for is not true. If it were, what a noble place were this world for a lively wisher and one or two chance survivors.

We will now consider the methods of breaking the habit.

One good way is to cultivate self-respect. But to a cigarette-smoker self-respect is an impossibility, and the method is useless.

Another good way is to shame you self by reflecting that the habit brings you into the society of men who say "cigareet."

Another way is to smoke cigars for a few days, and then catch a whiff from a dude's or a bootblack's burning paper-stick. This cure is effectual, while at the same time it leaves a man able to resume the habit if he wishes to.

How many poor but ambitious young men, who realize that their

only hope for success lies in good health, will thank me for what I have written. Young men, you are welcome. Be temperate in all things. With your habits of smoking and drinking once overcome you will go forth into the world, (or if you are already in the world you will remain there,) and, striving with new vigor, you will lay up fame and fortune. Now is the time to choose your fortune, remembering that Nature's motto is: "Positively no goods exchanged." Shall the coming meridian of your life be a time of poverty, of degradation of mind and spirit? Or, guided by bright-eyed sobriety, will you make it a time full of respect, free from care and supported by that handsome measure of worldly means which enables its worthy possessor to indulge freely in the best grades of cigars and liquors, and a carriage to take him home when he winds up the well-spent day at two in the morning?

Young man, which shall it be?

I will take the same.

Williston Fish.

THE PROOF OF IT.

MORDLING.—That girl in the candy-store may be only a poor shop-girl, but she's a true woman!

FAXON.—I'm convinced of it, me boy! Why, only the other day I got her to break a dollar for me, and she handed back one dollar and seventeen cents in change!

WANTED TO MOVE.

WIDOW CASE.—So, straightening the state line throws my land into Virginia, does it? Well, I'm powerful glad to get out of Callina—it's a mighty unhealthy state, and a body naturally hates to live forever in the same place.

AND LASHINGS OF IT.

"I should think poor Peckt would be mad to find himself tied for life to such a virago."

"Yes; he's lashed to a perfect Fury."

A WASTE OF RAW MATERIAL.

OTHELLO.—The death of Miss Stajelevator was very widely discussed in the newspapers.

IAGO.—Yes; it's a great pity she is n't alive, to profit by the advertising.



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RULED OFF!

'Gainst Father Time she ran a race
For thirty years or more,
But, sold to Cupid, lost her place,
For doctoring the score!



SHE KNEW THAT KIND.

AUNT FURBY.—Say, Silas, how do them there cars go 'long without horses?

UNCLE SILAS.—That stuff what Edison makes over in Jersey, makes them go. It's a kind o' lightnin'.

AUNT FURBY.—Can't be Jersey lightnin', Silas, or they would n't go 'long so steady.



One! Two!! THREE!!! — BOUNCE!!!!



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A IN-CAN'T-ATION.

YOU CAN lead a horse to water,
but you can not make him drink;
You can send a fool to college,
but you can not make him think;
You may keep your daughter strumming
from morn till afternoon,
But you can't make her a player
if she has n't any tune.

You can never make a farmer
of a boy who loves the sea,
Though you may make him plough and plant
and whoa and haw and gee.
It's no use to swear and bluster
because your only son
Prefers the girl he met in the car
to your selected one;
You might as well switch off that track,
for love is lord of pelf,
And, besides, it's more than likely,
that you know how 't is yourself.
You can not make a citizen,
let him be black or white,
Of the man who does n't know enough
to cipher, read and write.
You can not change the rooster's strut,
nor make the layers crow,
Though you may honestly believe
it would be better so.
You can not make a parson
of the stage-struck, Romeo-lad;
And if you ever do succeed,
you 'll wish you never had.

There is only one thing meaner,
and that's to have to see
The name of your neighbor's numbskull
finished with M. D.
But all these things, and more beside,
we may expect to bear,
Until the numbskull kills us,
and the Romeo says the prayer.

Eleanor Kirk.

FOLLOWING THE FASHION.

"Fairbanks is getting awfully fat."
"That's only a tendency of the times."
"How so?"
"He is resolving himself into a corporation."

TANTALIZING.

The Winter fills me with disgust,
For sleighing I am waiting;
Now, when the snow comes it is just
Enough to spoil the skating.

LIKED GOING OUT.

"What part of the service did you like
best?" queried Mrs. Reredos after church.
"The Recessional," returned Mr. R.

THE SINE QUA NON.

"He was a perfect
prince of good fellows!"
"How was that?"
"Never paid a debt!"

HE DID WHAT HE
COULD.

SHEEPSKIN.—Shall
you send your son to
college?

HARDUP.—No, I
can not afford it; but
I've bought him a
cape overcoat.

"HOW CAN a tariff of
five cents per
dozen on eggs inspire
my lay?" queried the
perplexed hen.



BROWN.—I hate to smoke down cellar, but Jones might call unexpectedly, and claim that twenty dollars.



SHE WAS A CHICAGO GIRL.

"See how ridiculously that man has tied his napkin
about his neck!"
"Hush, Mama; that's Mr. J. Crabbitt, of St. Louis.
Those are his ears!"

HE KNOWS.

PASSENGER.—Where is the warmest part of this Pullman car?
OLD TRAVELER.—Where the porter sits.

THE MORAL DOWNFALL OF TWO
GOOD CITIZENS.

On New Year's Eve Brown and Jones agree that smoking is injurious, and swear off for a year, under penalty of twenty dollars.

(Four Weeks Later.)

FRENCH AS SHE IS UNDERSTOOD.

"Are the Bernhardt audiences very French
in character?"

"Well—ra-ther. They might be de-
scribed as French with a marked American
accent.

A REMINDER.

COL. GAR.—I have one thing that will re-
mind me of the war as long as I live.

JUDGE LAW.—How is that? I thought you
escaped without wound or injury.

COL. GAR.—I know; but you forget that I
have a pension.

LENTEN AUSTERITY.

Many shekels he spent at the opera-house,
For music he did adore;
But the silly chatter made him mad as a hatter,
And he called it an opero-aro.

ANTICIPATING.

INQUIRING BRITON.—How is it that you
Americans think so little of your President?

AFFABLE NATIVE.—Because we're always
thinking of who is going to be the next one.



JONES.—It's a chilly place to smoke, but Brown might drop in, and twenty dollars is twenty dollars.

PROPRIETOR, *Texas-
nia Sun and Bowie
Knife*.—What made
you accept W. L.
Douglas's shoe "ad."
at such pauper rates?

EDITOR.—Well, you
see, I wanted the cut.
If we're going to
boom Dave Hill much
longer, we've got to
have a picture that
looks something like
him!

A TAD-POLE.—Thad-
deus of Warsaw.

SOAP-BUBBLES.—Po-
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Dear Diamonds follow for paupers to wear.
Excrescences, Emery-ore, Etchings, if old,
Ergot and Ebony next we behold.
Farina and Fashion-plates, Fossils from far,
(Forgetful of Washington's Fossils we are;)
Granadilla and Grasses and Glass, when it's broken,
Gems, Guano and Ginger, and much more unspoken;
Hides are free now, but in ninety and two
Harrison's hand much mischief may do.
Iridium hard and Ipecac queer,
Ice, Insects and Indigo, have a place here;
Jet, Jalap and Jasmine-oil, Joss-stick and Junk,
Just crowded together, and made free "all hunk."
Kernel of palm-nut, Kyrolith, Kelp,
Keep up the free list the poor folks to help;
Lac, Lemon-peel, Lava, the juice of the Lime,
Live Leeches and Lichens, a hard word to rhyme;
Musk, Munjeet and Manna the Hebrews that fed,
Marshmallows and Meerschaum, Mahogany red;
Neroli-oil, Newspapers, Nuts from Brazil,
Nux-vomica, needed by those who are ill;
Orchids and Osmium, Otter of roses,
Of use to the poor man, McKinley supposes;
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Sauerkraut, Skeletons, Sea-weed and Spice,
Saffron, Spunk, Snails, and everything nice;
Turmeric, Turtles, Teeth, Tripoli, Thyme—
The importing of these is not called a crime;
Uranium oxide, Umbrella-sticks, too,
Uncle Sam's cruisers freely let through.
Valonia, Verdigris, Vellum and Virus,
Verily, verily, this will soon tire us;
Weeds, Whip-gut and Walking-sticks fit in just here,
Wax, Wafers and Whale-bone also appear;
X comes in the midst of the *taxes* of all,
X then to the Free List we never can call;
Yams—Yawning? Well, I am near through,
Yet I must finish this catalogue true;
Zaffer comes last on the Free List so wrong,
Zanies are they who gave cause for this song.

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Glass to let light in, for light the blind care not,
Hardware and Harness and Hats—the poor wear not.
Iron in forms I'd weary in telling,
Jackets and Joists, the last for my dwelling.
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Linen, Lead, Leather, and many another.
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Vegetables feed, Varnish make us all beauties.
Woolens and Wools, Wood, Wire and Watches
Excellent are as tariff tax blotches.
Yarns you pay toll for when stockings are mended,
Zephyr is one of them; my yarn is ended.

C. Howard Wilson.

A GOOD SHOT.

"Death loves a shining mark," it's said.
If so, 't is strange
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J. G. B.

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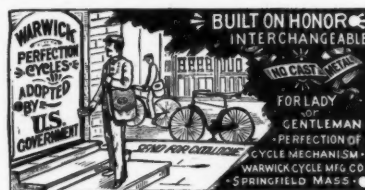
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HE.—What has made Bagley so witty of late?

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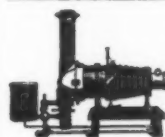
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ANNUAL STATEMENT EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1890.

ASSETS.

Bonds and Mortgages.....	\$24,407,388.13
Real Estate, including the Equitable Buildings and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages.....	17,151,152.24
United States Stocks, State Stocks, City Stocks, and other investments.....	51,729,253.60
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (Market Value, \$4,782,230.00).....	3,738,378.75
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure.....	10,007,885.09
Cash in Bank and in transit (since received and invested).....	8,694,854.78
Interest and Rents due and accrued, Deferred Premiums and other Securities.....	3,514,831.88
Total Assets, December 31, 1890.....	\$119,243,744.47

LIABILITIES.

Total Liabilities including the Reserve on all existing Policies (4 per cent. Standard).....	\$95,503,297.13
Total Undivided Surplus, over 4% Reserve.....	\$23,740,447.34

We certify to the correctness of the above calculation of the reserve and surplus. From this surplus the usual dividends will be made.

GEO. W. PHILLIPS, J. G. VAN CISE, Actuaries.

INCOME.

Premiums.....	\$29,352,507.97
Interest, Rents, etc.....	5,684,175.27
Total.....	\$35,036,683.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Claims by Death and Matured Endowments.....	\$8,817,940.27
Dividends, Surrender Values, Annuities and Discounted Endowments.....	4,438,731.44
Total Paid Policy-Holders.....	\$13,256,671.71
Commissions, Advertising, Postage and Exchange.....	3,958,059.95
General Expenses, State, County and City Taxes.....	3,379,330.42
Total.....	\$20,594,062.08

New Assurance written in 1890.....	\$203,826,107.00
Total Outstanding Assurance.....	720,662,473.00

I hereby certify, that after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in this statement, I find the same to be true and correct as stated.

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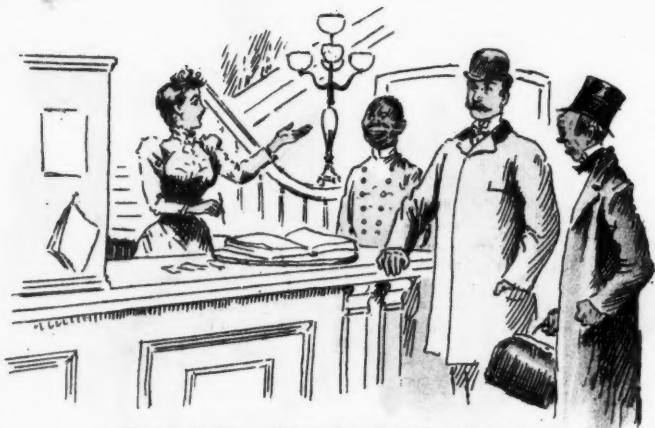
MRS. GOTHAM.—How absurd!

MRS. PORKLY.—I don't think it absurd at all.
Both my daughters speak French, and they can't
understand each other.—*Harper's Bazar.*

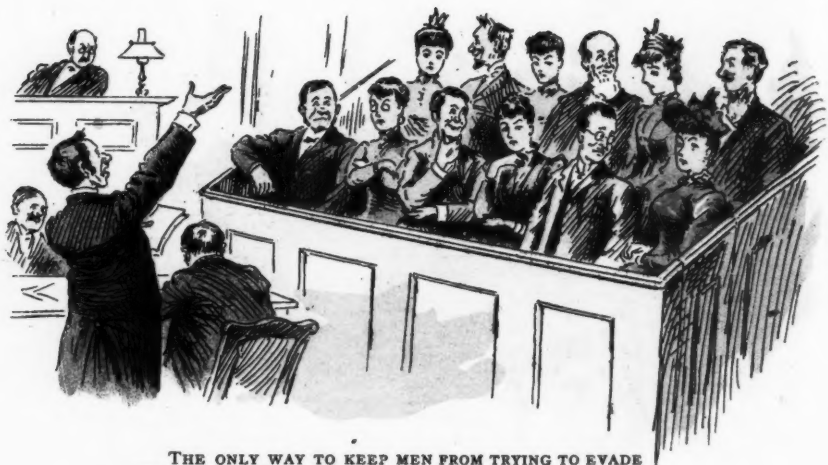
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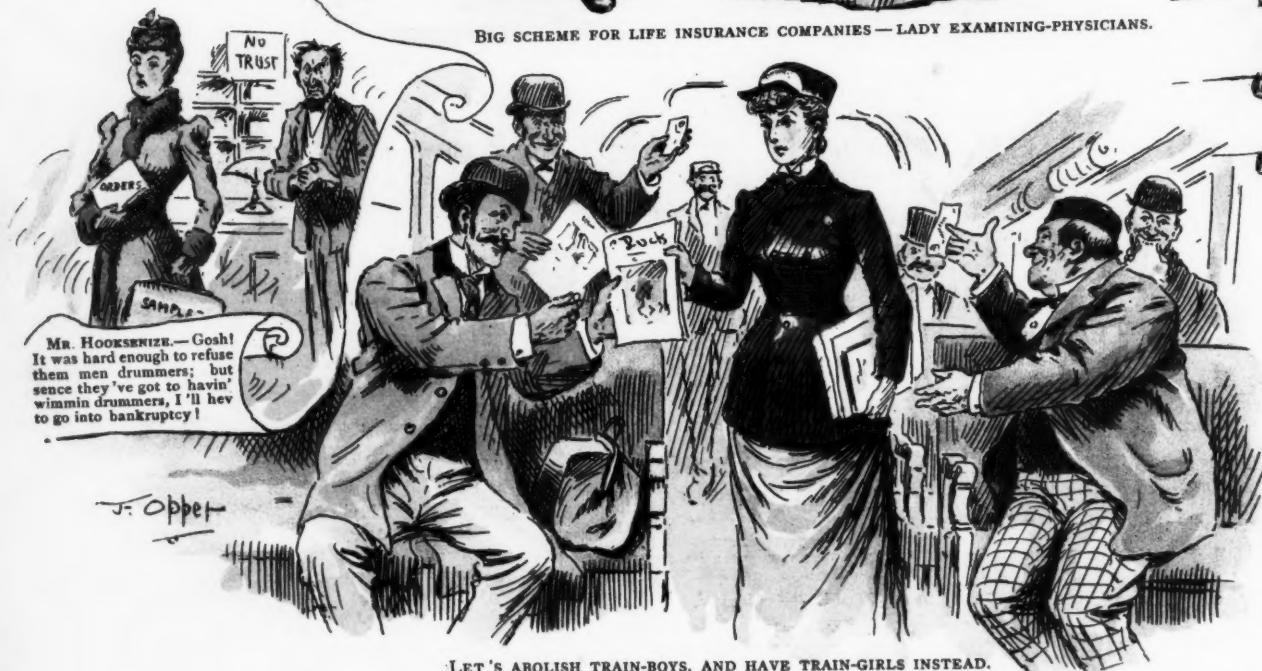
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